

REMARKS

In the Office Action of January 29, 2004, the Examiner initially rejected claims 47-64 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,585,016. Included with the present response is a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,585,016. The Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection raised by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 47-50 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by the Braatz U.S. Patent No. 5,517,906. Claims 47, 48, 51, 57 and 60 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by the Grabenkort U.S. Patent No. 5,505,236.

In the Office Action, claims 52-56, 58, 59 and 61-64 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present amendment, rejected claims 47, 48, 51, 57 and 60 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejections of these claims by the Examiner has now been rendered moot.

In the Office Action, allowable claim 53 has been rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any of the intervening claims. Thus, claim 53 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously rejected claims 49 and 50 have been rewritten to depend from allowable claim 53 such that claims 49-50 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable claims 54-56 have each been amended to depend directly from allowable claim 53 and are thus also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable claims 59, 61 and 62 have been amended into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 59, 61 and 62 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Dependent claims 63 and 64 now depend from allowable claim 62 and are thus also believed to be in condition for allowance.

By the present amendment, the application includes claims 49-50, 53-56, 59 and 61-64. All of these claims were either deemed to be allowable by the Examiner or now depend from a claim that was deemed to be allowable by the Examiner.

Based upon the present amendment, all of the claims in the application are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the present application.

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